

# **Memorial**

to

## **Joseph Bayer Pinger**

**October 14, 1903 • December 12, 1956**

**Hennepin County Bar Association  
District Court  
Fourth Judicial District  
Minneapolis, Minnesota  
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**I feel it a great privilege to present this memorial to my late friend, Joe Pinger. In a lifetime of about a half a century, I have known few individuals who had the ability to win and hold the confidence and affection of those who came in contact with him that he possessed. Joe's word was better than most men's bond; his loyalty to his friends was of the unswerving kind that inspired loyalty in return. His firmness of character was matched by a gentleness and courtesy that turned away wrath and blunted the barbs of opposition. He was truly a gentleman, and I may add, a scholar too. He was learned in the law and in many things.**

**Joseph Bayer Pinger was born in Chicago, Illinois, on October 14, 1903, the youngest of five children. His parents were Peter J. and Regina Pinger, both of whom are dead. His three sisters and one brother survive him. He graduated from the High School Department of St. Thomas College on June 5, 1922 and later attended St. Thomas College. He obtained his law degree from the Minnesota College of Law June 19, 1933 and so high was the respect of his classmates for his character and scholarship that he was president of his graduating class.**

**On September 14, 1933, Joe was admitted to the practice of law and opened a law office in the Plymouth Building the same year. In 1934 he was admitted to practice in the U.S. District Court of Minnesota and in the Northern District of Iowa in 1935. He was a member of the Hennepin County Bar Association, the American Bar Association and Knights of Columbus.**

**Mr. Pinger always took an interest in politics because he loved his country. Patriotism was one of the strongest emotions. In 1937 he ran for alderman in the 8th ward as it then existed, and ran third in the field of many candidates. Joe was a strong believer in esoteric Americanism and felt strongly about preservation of the Constitution. He never flirted with the so-called 'left' and if he had been a professional politician he**

would never have compromised his adherence to conservative principles. If living, I believe he would be wearing an 'I like Edgar' button.

He always considered himself fortunate in his marriage to another attorney, Frieda Aust Pinger, with whom he was united in marriage April 25, 1946. Mrs. Pinger is known to many of you through her position with the Minneapolis Abstract Co. Joe's marriage made a noticeable change in his living habits. Like too many bachelors, he was prone to be easy going. He would often come down to the office by ten in the morning. After marriage, he arrived at the office every morning promptly at eight. He ate lunch with this wife every day when possible.

I met Joe Pinger when I came from back from Washington to start law practice again in the Plymouth Building in 1936. If ever a fellow needed a friend, I did. I found a true and lasting one in Joe Pinger. He was a very able lawyer, and his counsel and help were valuable to me in getting started again. With me, with his many friends, with the bar he honored by his integrity and devotion to its highest standards, his chair will be hard to fill.

On May 19, 1956 he suffered a coronary thrombosis attack a second one November 24, from which he died December 12, 1956. His community, his associations, his country, and his church suffered a loss in his passing which will be difficult to fill.

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